

**2011 WorldSkills Australia Regional – VET in Schools
VETiS Construction School/College Competition
CON11/4 Judges' Instructions**

Judges' Instructions

This is essential reading. Please take the time to read these notes carefully.

This project is designed to be completed by a competitor. Their responsibilities are as follows:

The competitor is to construct:

- Drawing board and Tee square

The aim of this project is two fold:

Firstly it is a WorldSkills Australia competition that ranks competitors according to the skills demonstrated on the day.

Thus aside from a WorldSkills Australia competition, it is envisaged that this project may prove to be a useful and practical assessment tool that school and TAFE teachers will be able to incorporate into their courses at various levels.

Some points about marking this project:

1. There are two (2) question papers included in this assessment. They are attached to the Competitor's Pre Competition Instructions. These papers must be answered and submitted for assessment prior to the completion of the project.
2. It is preferable that the same judges be present for the duration of the competition.
3. Points may only be awarded as indicated on point allocation sheets: no splitting of scores is permitted.
4. The marking criteria are found on the marking scale beside each entry point. In some cases you will also find the criteria on the plans as a guide to competitors and on marking guide drawings within the marking scale.
5. Please encourage competitors to check their rules and tapes against the standard [assessor's rule or tape] prior to commencement.
6. Definitions: Page 3 has some notes on wording used in the marking scale and on the competitor's plans. It is worthwhile being familiar with them.

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Competency Assessment

Competency may only be awarded when a student or competitor has achieved a “yes” in **ALL** of those qualities highlighted in the marking scale.

Key qualities amounting to competency have been highlighted as example below:

Finish				Key Qualities
Quality Checked	Criteria	Yes	No	
Hammer marks	None	3	0	
Pen/pencil marks	None visible to interior	1	0	
Dirt, grease or other marks	None [Assessor's Discretion]	2	0	
Chips, splits or other damage.	None [Assessor's Discretion]	3	0	
		Score 9		

The qualities of producing finished work unmarked by hammer blows and without chips or splits is critical to competent performance and hence are highlighted as such. The other qualities of cleanliness of the finished work, whilst highly desirable, do not detract sufficiently for the demonstrated competency to eliminate the award. That is to say that the other qualities are either of an advanced nature, or that they are likely to cause only such error as may be rectified easily without reducing the overall outcome. Such qualities are hence ‘desirable’ but not essential to someone ‘competently’ doing the task.

Some Notes on Wording in the Marking Scale and Plans

Please note the following definitions:

- **‘Competitor’s discretion’** - Example: Competitors may choose to fasten members using any of the fasteners supplied. However competitors may lose marks if such fixing is poorly done, or the situation called for something other than that which they chose to use, or if the specifications or plans indicated otherwise.
- **‘As Drawn’** - This applies particularly to joints but is sometimes used in determining the position of something. In the case of joints; Joints that are deemed to be not at least similar in type [ie. a tenon if a tenon was called for, a housing if a housing was called for etc.] **are not be assessed** further. I.e. **no points are awarded** for that joint.
- **‘Fit’** - Fit may be assessed using a feeler gauge where necessary [but is not obligatory]. Allowance specified is for the central 95% of the length of joint faces:

Note: The specification of 95% is nominal only – you are not in the least expected to calculate or measure this - its sole purpose is to allow the judge the ability of awarding a valid score for an otherwise tight joint that may have a very small gap or chip at one end

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- **'Assessor's discretion'** – Requires assessor to decide whether or not points should be awarded on a given issue ie. fastening quality/appropriateness. This decision is based upon the assessor's trade experience and the circumstances of the situation.

Material Replacement

This is a competency assessment and thus the necessity to replace materials would ordinarily indicate a lack of said competence. In the instance of the pergola however additional material is permissible at a points cost per meter as follows:

All materials: 1.0 points per meter

No points shall be deducted for the following substitution or replacement

- When that material may be regarded as incidental to the task e.g. screws, and other fasteners.
- When the material is of poor quality or has been damaged through no fault of the competitor.

Important Note

The finished product needs to be free of defects that could cause the Garden Seat to be considered unsafe or that could detract from its appearance.

Splitting-a-tie

In the event of a tie, scores for the Skill areas listed below shall be tallied and the higher ranking shall be awarded to the greater score.

- Frame joints
- Tee square

Safe Work Method Statement

- Where a competitor is observed working in an unsafe manner, they should be stopped and told the correct practice and not allowed to continue until willing to follow the judge's instructions. Marks should be deducted accordingly.